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community benefits districts in Baltimore City and the power to terminate the operations of the community benefits districts. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City will review the desirability of the districts every four years, beginning with the Charles Village Community Benefits District in December 2002. This bill also names the Midtown Community Benefits District as one of the six community benefits districts that Baltimore City may establish, and sets its next review date for December 2003. Any additional community benefits districts created in Baltimore City would be reviewed four years after their date of establishment.

Senate Bill 850, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 25, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 323.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

House Bill No. 323

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Community Benefits District - Elimination of Sunset Date and State's Authority Districts - Review by Mayor and City Council

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law concerning the authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish certain community benefits district management authorities to include a certain community benefits district; repealing the authority of the General Assembly to review and determine the desirability of continuing certain community benefits districts under certain circumstances; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to review and determine the desirability of continuing certain community benefits districts under certain circumstances; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the authority of the Mayor and City Council to establish community benefits districts in Baltimore City; eliminating the State's authority to review and determine the desirability of continuing certain community benefits districts; and generally relating to community benefits districts in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II - General Powers

Section (63)(a)(1) and (h)

(1996 Edition, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

BY repealing

The Charter of Baltimore City
Article II General Powers